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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SAID IN DOCUMENTS MADE PUBLIC FRIDAY IT HAS BROKEN INTO THE OVERSEAS HOMES OF LEFT-WING AMERICANS AND HAS CONDUCTED SECRET ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE ON U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING ABROAD.

THE AGENCY REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER IT HAD STOPPED THE PRACTICE.

AN AFFIDAVIT BY CIA DIRECTOR GEORGE BUSH FILED IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT IN NEW YORK CITY GAVE NO DETAILS ABOUT EITHER THE BURGLARIES OR THE TELEPHONE TAPS, CLAIMING A CIA'S PRIVILEGE TO SECRECY TO PROTECT INTELLIGENCE SOURCES.

THE AFFIDAVIT WAS FILED AS PART OF A \$37 MILLION DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE CIA AND THE FBI, BY THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY. PARTY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON MADE THE DOCUMENT PUBLIC.

THE PARTY IS SEEKING A PERMANENT INJUNCTION TO END WHAT IT SAID HAS BEEN DECADES OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SPYING, HARASSMENT AND DISRUPTION ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST THE PARTY.

BUSH FILED TWO AFFIDAVITS WITH THE COURT. ONE, IN WHICH THE BURGLARIES AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE WERE ACKNOWLEDGED WITHOUT ANY DETAILS, WAS MADE PUBLIC. THE OTHER, IN WHICH THE DETAILS WERE SPELLED OUT, WAS KEPT SECRET.

IN THE PUBLIC AFFIDAVIT, BUSH SAID CONVERSATIONS OF SWP LEADERS "WERE OVERHEARD BY MEANS OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE CONDUCTED ABROAD; AND THAT CERTAIN OTHER INFORMATION, APART FROM CONVERSATIONS THAT WERE OVERHEARD, WAS ACQUIRED AS A RESULT OF SEVERAL SURREPTITIOUS ENTRIES THAT WERE MADE INTO THE PREMISES ABROAD (TO WHICH PARTY LEADERS HAD) REGULAR ACCESS OR MAY HAVE HAD A PROPRIETARY INTEREST."

HE SAID THE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE WAS CONDUCTED WITHOUT OBTAINING WARRANTS.

A 30-PAGE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM FILED WITH THE BUSH AFFIDAVIT SAID THE CIA MAY KEEP THE DETAILS OF THE BURGLARIES AND TELEPHONE TAPS SECRET BECAUSE IT IS "INDISPUTABLE THAT THE FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE AFFECTED BY DISCLOSURE OF THE MATTERS."